REMARKS

Claims 10, 24 and 33 remain in this application. Claims 10 and 24 have been made independent. Claim 33 was an independent claim.

Claims 9, 28 and 31 are objected to because of informalities, and claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112 second paragraph. Claims 9, 28 and 31 have been canceled.

Claims 9-14 and 23-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Baisley U.S.Patent 6,292,932 in view of Goodwin U.S. Patent 6,199,195.

Claims 9,11-14 and 23, 25- 32 have been canceled.

Baisley teaches a system and method for converting from one modeling language to one other language. The example is UML (Unified Modeling Language) to MOF (Meta Object Facility). Baisley does not teach or suggest graphs that describe relationships between objects and/or that describe a subset of associations for an object to serialize the object. This teaching appears beginning at page 12 of the specification and is there styled as a sub-graph. The word sub-graph has been added to claims 10, 24 and 33 to clarify that the following limitations, which are in the original claims, are unique and unobvious over the teachings and suggestions of Baisley and Goodwin.

No teaching or suggestion was found in Goodwin or Baisley or any of the other references cited or known to applicants or their attorney for providing sub-graphs to handle subsets of a model

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which has the advantage of yielding multiple views of the same model. Claims 10, 24 and 33 are so limited as currently amended.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and an early issue date will be appreciated. However in the event that the Examiner determines otherwise, applicants solicit an interview in order to resolve any issues that may be resolved before appeal.

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